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1. THREE ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST CONCERNING THE U.S. AID CUTOFF AND THE CYPRUS SITUATION APPEARED IN FRIDAY (MAR. 7) EDITIONS OF TURKISH DAILIES.

2. ACCORDING TO A HURRIYET STORY DATED WASHINGTON, THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING SEVERAL PROPOSALS CONCERNING AID TO TURKEY INCLUDING ONE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE SUPPLY OF ARMS ON A CASH-AND-CARRY UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS. HURRIYET IN THE SAME STORY REPLAYED REPORTS OF AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S COMMENTS TO NEWSMEN FOLLOWING AN

APPEARANCE WEDNESDAY (MAR. 5) BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

3. HURRIYET, MILLIYET AND ZAFER GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S REPLY TO A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD FEB. 5 (ANKARA 1741) CONCERNING THE AID CUT. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, KORUTURK TOLD PRESIDENT FORD THAT THE AID-CUT HAD DAMAGED TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS AND THAT THE ACTION WOULD NOT ONLY HURT TURKEY'S DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES, BUT RAISE DOUBTS AMONG THE TURKISH PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF U.S. DEFENSE COMMITMENTS.

4. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTED FRIDAY IN A BRIEF NICOSIA-DATELINED STORY THAT IN THE EVENT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL PASSES AN UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE WOULD DECLARE ITS INDEPENDENCE. THIS DECISION WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND COMMUNICATED TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REP AT THE UN, VEDAT CELIK.
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